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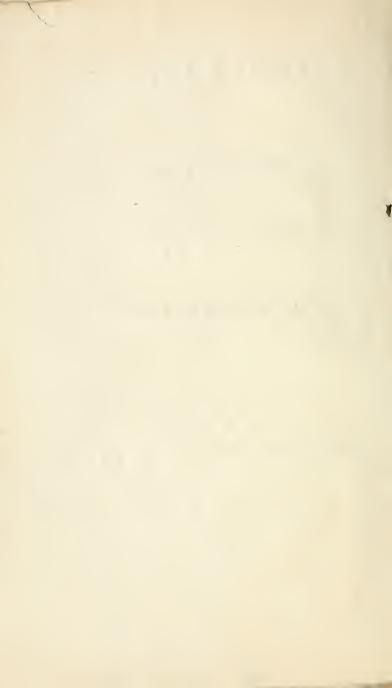
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# PREFACE.

Declare I hardly know how to fay what justice to myself obliges me to say.—The public hears daily of so many unlucky Poets, who become publishers from the same fate that ranges me in their class, that I am apprehensive the truth, when told, will not serve me as an apology, but the effect of constraint be reputed the wish of presumption.

The course of my studies first gave me a taste for Poetry, and the sweetness of the art inspired me with an inclination to improve it.—The sew who saw my verses faid

faid they liked them, and would fometimes ask for a copy of what they had feen.—The first pleasure I know is to please; and indeed I thought complying with their requests an easy return for the obligation of their praise.—They had copies, and in their high opinion of me gave copies to others, who foon circulated fome of my pieces, as particular favours to particular friends, through half a dozen editions, of which three or four were generally very incorrect.

To prevent this evil from fpreading, I have here collected in one fmall book those verses of which I have ever given copies,

copies, as far as remembrance and poffession have permitted me.

All parents have a partiality to their own child-fo every Writer has a partiality to the productions of his own brain, that would rather they were feen in a perfect than an imperfect fituation and when a man's writings must unavoidably be delivered into the hands of the public, a decent respect for his own character, and good manners to his fellowcreatures will oblige him to endeavour, as much as possible, that they may not excite a contempt for himself, nor be entirely useless and disgusting to his readers.

York, 1780.



# FUGITIVE PIECES.

# HEBE'S BIRTH-DAY.

ADDRESSED TO

Miss ---

THE Queen of Paphos' flow'ry groves

Ascends her dove-borne car;

Cupid, the Graces, and the Loves

Shed odours thro' the air.

A

Soon

Soon Cytherea reach'd the fkies; Each God that day was there-She rais'd to four her wat'ry eyes, And thus prefer'd her pray'r: " No more mankind invokes my pow'r, "Nor ardent vows arife "From doting bosoms, love's no more, ee My Cupid's influence dies. et His bow, his arrows he has thrown " Quite useless from his arms-& See, where the Sifter Graces moan "In negligence of charms. " To-day springs forth to life below « A Babe of honour'd line;

& There let each God some boon bestow,

" And stamp the Nymph divine."

She spoke—Jove gave th' affenting nod,

His thunders took their way;

He then commanded that each God
The Queen of Love obey.

First came the Graces hand in hand And gave her all their ease,

O'er ev'ry heart supreme command

And elegance to please,

Apollo and the Muses Nine

Their heav'nly gifts impart

Wit, music, poefy divine

And fense to form the heart,

Jove gave his light'ning to her eyes,

Gay Bacchus lasting youth,

Momus with laughter shook the skies

And added smiling truth,

Cupid heard all—but knew not how

The fky's applause to gain,

Till in her smiles he spy'd his bow,

And bad it there remain.

Venus transported saw the Maid,

And, her delight to prove,

Cupid, attend on her, she said,

For Hebe's Queen of Love.

#### M A Y.

H O W joyful the golden-trefs'd God thro' the fky
Diffuses his all-forming ray!——

See, the temperate hours, as round him they fly,

Drop roses to crown the new May.

Each many-plum'd fongster that lives in yon grove

Gives voice to his green-kirtled spray,

And when he pours forth the foft tale of his love,

Concludes with a fonnet to May.

The brooks that fweet vi'lets and thyme flow among

Their babbling course wantonly stay,

Till hearing the chorus of Nature's glad fong

They purl on in honour of May.

Nor let me forget while enraptur'd I fing

The honour that's due to this day——

To heighten the transports I taste in the Spring,
I'li make Hebe Queen of the May.

# THE WISH,

ARchly-smiling, dimpled Boy,
Son of Venus, God of Love,
Grant my heart, the seat of joy,
May thy temple ever prove!

Let me sing and laugh all day,
Sweetly pass my nights away,
Then arising taste with you

Blessings lasting, Raptures new!

# H E B E:

LOOK to my lambkins—once again
Daphnis shall try the Sylvan strain—
And fetch me, boy, the fav'rite pipe I hung
Love-lorn on yonder elm; it oft has rung

In happier days

With Hebe's praise,

Till vallies, and hills, and the woods all around To you river in concert re-ccho'd the found,

Which love-freighted bore the name

Far adown his winding stream,

Repeating it with fond delay,

While from bank to bank the joy

Spread till-Where's my pipe, my boy-

Till like my hopes, alas! it dy'd away.

Why do I figh?

Doft know, my pipe ? -- Now fpeak -- I've caught the found

That lifts me high,

That bids me run my wonted careless round,
Bids me again to kinder fair one's rove,
And Hebe leave who slights my proffer'd love.

THE

# THE INCONSTANT.

ARound the plain fecure I rov'd, With ev'ry nymph wou'd toy, Wou'd laugh and kifs-but never loy'd Beyond the moment's joy. Cupid refolv'd to faare my heart Each blooming Beauty tries, But fent the love-inspiring dart From Hebe's sparkling eyes. Since then I've lov'd-but lov'd in vain, Gay grandeur charms my fair-She fcorns my fighs-Ah! lucklefs fwain, Thy portion is despair.

# S A L L Y

OF THE

#### M E A D.

NE morn when nymphs and fwains were gay
And danc'd upon the green,

From mirth poor Jemmy fled away

To mourn his lot unfeen-

In tears the am'rous Boy complains

Close by the murm'ring Tweed,

The fad, fad burthen of his Arains

Was Sally of the Mead.

My Sally did each nymph furpafs

Who trips the flow'ry plain,

Once she was thought the loveliest lass,

And I the happiest swain—

To please her was my sole employ,

To her I tun'd my reed,

And, morn and eve, my only joy

Was Sally of the Mead.

While yet the morn was clad in grey

I rose to court her love,

Thro' flow'ry fields I took my way

And then her garland wove—

Tho' Rofe and Lily both were there
To deck her charming head,

That was less sweet, and this less fair
Than Sally of the Mead.

Now she no more shall glad my eyes,

No more my song inspire,

From me the faithless fair-one slies

To bless the richer 'Squire-

Yet may her heart know nought but joy,'

Nor e'er repent this decd—

Jemmy can lay him down—and die

For Sally of the Mead.

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S O M N U M.

QUEM mihi femper reperi vocanti,
Somne, præsentem, posito sub umbra
Posco nunc adsis, gravinm laborum,

Dulce lenimen.

Tu mari mersus Lybico notâsti

Dum polos magni, *Palinure*, vires *Morpheos* nôsti properantis in te

Triftia fata.

An prius dicam rabidæ Junonis

Furias victas, vigilemque monte

Somniis Ilis Dominum folutum

Lumina centum?

Quin Jovem magnum, Superûm Parentem Vincit en Morpheus—et aguntur omni Troës e campo, superante Somno

Fulmina cœli.

En Deus, voto toties vocatus Supplici, fegnis comitatus astat Somniis vanis, oculos cruentos

Vertice merfus!

Fert manu virgam, tacitæque Lethes

Poculo facto Stygiâ cupressi

Rora; circumdat gravidum papaver

Tempora rugis

Indecora—illum comitatur ales Noctis—in Vatem leviore tractu Serpit, et vincit lyricas amantem

Tangere chordas.

# OCCASIONAL PROLOGUE

### T O A P L A Y

ACTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF

# THE INFIRMARY IN LEEDS.

Soon as Compassion—Glory of our Isle—
With modest elegance had rais'd yon pile,
Where kindly Science to each aching grief,
Each sad mischance administers relief,
Commerce beheld it—and her looks consest
The sprightly joy that dane'd within her breast—
Thus Commerce sung—"To you, my children, peace!"—
She sung—and smilling wav'dher GOLDEN FLEECE—
"'Tis yours, my sons, with tend'rest care to heal
"The varied mis'ries Poverty may feel;

- " 'Tis yours the finking frame of Age to rear,
- "Tis yours to shed the sympathetic Tear,
- " 'Tis yours Misfortune's keenest pangs to ease-
- " And yours shall be the meed of acts like these.
  - " While this bright fun illumes the face of day,
- "While yonder moon reflects one filver ray,
- " So long Abundance shall your guest remain
- "To deck the board, and whiftle o'er the plain.
- " Quickly with her, of ev'ry good the Queen,
- " White Peace her gentle fister shall be seen.
- " I fee her now descending from the sky
- " To banish War and bid Rebellion fly.
- " Industry now has all my fails unfurl'd,
- " Now fends my honest treasures o'er the world;
- " Now pleas'd the mines of either Inde I view
- "Refigu, my fons, their many ftores to you -

- " For you are bounteous as the Hand of Heav'n,
- "And feel why riches were to mortals giv'n."

Thus Commerce fung—and here in furtive verse

Have I presum'd the carol to rehearse—

Where praise is merited, let praise be giv'n—

To honour virtue is to act like Heav'n.

And sure your gen'rous deeds may well demand

That Angels sing them to the list'ning land;

For mindful ever of wealth's first, best end,

You bid the Poor in you behold a FRIEND.

#### OCCASIONAL PROLOGUE

TO THE

# FOUNDLING,

ACTED AT THE

#### THEATRE-ROYAL in YORK,

FOR THE BENEFIT OF

#### THE LUNATIC ASYLUM.

ROM the mild regions of her native sky,

O'er Britain's Isle sweet Pity cast her eye—

She cast—and Sorrow heav'd her melting breast,

As to her view pale Sickness stood confest.

Here treach'rous Waste attains her end by stealth,
And, flatt'ring, slowly saps the base of health.

There Fevers shoot through ev'ry swelling vein,
Now fire the lawless blood, now rack the brain.—

Daughter

Daughter of Hell, a direr fiend than War,
With hafty ftride *Plague* rufhes from afar!—
Her favage pleafure grows on fpreading death,
And Parent Nations orphan'd by her breath.

Who fits on yonder stone with hollow eye

And hand out-stretch'd, imploring charity?

'Tis hungry Famine—" Thou shalt ask no more,"

Cry'done--"but die, and shame that rich man's door."—

Who was't so cry'd?—The Monarch of the Dead,

As from yon grave he rear'd his meagre head.

Pity with smiles beheld his friendly blow,

And hail'd him—Curer of a cureless woe.—

She spoke, and soaming Phrenzy darted by,

Strength in his hand, and murder in his eye——

Sadly she sigh'd, and as she turn'd away

Heard calmer Melancholy's pensive lav-

The love-lorn Virgin, wand'ring thro' the gloom

Of yew-bound church-yards and the mould'ring tomb,

Sung to the Moon of "Marg'ret's grimly ghoft,"

Of Henry's broken vows, and Emma loft.

Here Pity wept—and from her tears arose

A kind Asylum for the mad-one's woes.

Hail to the wond'rous art that can difpense

The genial floods of renovated fense!

And bleffings crown your breasts who feel these woes,

As far the heaviest human nature knows!

EPILOGUE

# E P I L O G U E

T O

#### BELISARIUS.

Hey're bufy yonder—fo I've slip'd away To give you my opinion of the Play. 'Tis very, very low-and on my life Bayes makes fad blunders with his injur'd Wife: There's not a spark of breeding in her nature, A doting, doleful, humdrum, pretty creature!-He and our ill-bred Manager 'tis clear Want to invade the charters of the fair: Wou'd have us filent-bid us keep our houses-Instruct our families—and love our spouses— But we know better-thanks to education, Example, foreign manners, and the fashion.

Stay—I'll recount my fuff'rings one by one,
Then be you judges what I should have done.

Three years from bed and board did Marcus stay-I'd ferv'd him rightly had I gone aftray. A foel!-To foreign climes for battles roam?-Faith, the best battles may be fought at home. Well-he returns-gives credit to a lie, Becomes a bubble-and his wife must die. Thank Fate, our Lords ask gentler expiation, They wou'dn't wish to murder half the nation-Madam's divorc'd, lives with her country friends, He finds a Mistress, and the squabble ends .-Next Belifarius in a frantic mood Refoives to wash my guilt out with my blood-A pretty life between them both I lead, And the plague is, I never did the deed.

"Think of my fame"—"My fondness,"—fays the other,
And adds, "Ah! how unlike thy virtuous Mother!"
Unlike indeed!—What Belle can bear the road
In which her prim Progenetrix has trod?—
Next—But I'll not repeat such odious stuff—
I'm sure you've heard absurdity enough.

These my objections to the Bard I made

Before his Be—li—fa—ri—us was play'd—

Wou'd you believe it?—Says the tasteless creature,

Madam, I always strive to copy Nature."

ECLOGUE

# E C L O G U E.\* N I G H T. D E S P A I R.

#### ADDRESSED TO

MRS.

HIS sportive lambs repos'd in gentle rest,

Thus Daphnis sung the sorrows of his breast—

- "Ah me! the day-when o'er the jocund green
- " Daphnis the first to lead the dance was seen .....
- "On blythesome reed the frolic round I play'd,
- "Envy'd by fwains, admir'd by ev'ry maid;

"To

• This is the last of four Eclogues—MORNING—NOON— EVENING—NIGHT—It is the only one of them published at present, because no friend of mine has yet distributed to his friend any copies of the others.

- "To lift my strains my lambs have left their food,
- "And fondly feem'd to fay my strains were good-
- "Oh! they were sweet-my pipe was tun'd to love,
- "And Hebe's name made vocal ev'ry grove.
- "Those joys are past -no more the tinkling stream
- "Shall stay its course to dwell on that lov'd name;
- "No more the vale my merry notes shall hear ....."
- "Far other feelings wait upon defpair.
- "Hebe, how oft I've brush'd the glist'ring dew,
- "And pluck'd the pride of vernal morns for you!---
- "The virgin Lily, with the blushing Rose,
- "And blue-ey'd Vi'let for your wreath I chose,
- "And, while I bound it on your temples, stele
- "Kiffes that thrill'd with rapture to my foul!-
- "Am I not now as fair as when you faid
- "A lovelier youth ne'er blefs'd a happy maid?

- "Alas! some other swain has caught your eye-
- "He cannot be fo true, fo fond as I.
- "Unmov'd cou'd Daphnis hear his Hebe moan!
- " No-He'd bewail her forrows as his own;
- "On the green turf he'd feat him by his dear,
- "Give for each look, a figh-each figh, a tear;
- "The lovely mourner to his bosom press,
- " Partake the cause, and lessen her distress .....
- "But wherefore witlefs do I thus complain?
- " Relentless Hebe laughs at all my pain-
- "Why wake my lambkins?-Sure they cannot know,
- "They heed not, feel not for their master's woe.
- "Some happier youth at dawn with careful crook
- " Shall guide you bleeting to the limpid brook;
- "Shall 'tend a-field the fleecy flocks I bred,
- " Pride of the vale, and riches of the mead-

- "My Friends, my Father, and my native Home,
- "This tear is yours—to distant plains I roam—
- "Adieu the well-known rill, the field, the grove!-
- " Absence perhaps may soothe the pangs of Love."

Night check'd her yoke to hear the artless swain,

And wept that faithful Love should love in vain.

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PICTURE

OF

HELEN.

To THE RIGHT HONOURABLE

Reflection thems a Husband's injur'd peace,
Hears the deep curses of unpeopled Greece,
Points to the story of her ruin'd same,
And suture ages shudd'ring at her name.
Lovely in guilt the great Adult'ress stood,
Saw Phrygia's plains imbru'd with Hestor's blood,

Saw the flain Partner of her lawless joy, A murder'd Priam, and a flaming Troy. She heav'd a groan, and clos'd her tear-stain'd eye Lest she might see the Grecian Heroes die In vain—Patroclus rifes to her fight, Drefs'd in the reddeft horrors of the fight; Link'd with his friend the great Achilles rofe, The tow'r of Greece, and terror of her foes: Stern Ajax frown'd upon the gory field, Longing in death to grafp Pelides' shield-Vainly flie strives to put them from her mind, Her guilt hears groans in ev'ry whifp'ring wind; See plated Mars, high on his crimfon car Laugh 'midft the spreading tumult of the war; Now fees the Greeks and now the Trojans fly, And hears one death-fraught thunder rend the fky.- She heard—and struck with horror at the scene, On earth's cold bosom funk the hapless Queen. In duteous haste her virgins round her press, Heave figh for figh, and grieve for her diffress; Anxious each balm to footh her woes they feek, And bid its native roses tinge her cheek. Fruitless their care-In tears they raise her head, Where Lilies wept their fister Roses dead. Hark!-the kind streamlet from the neighb'ring trees In gentle murmurs chides the noify breeze-The noify breeze the fweet reproof obey'd, Beheld the Fair, and dy'd along the glade.

Behold her, thou, whose passions long to rove
Careless of honour and connubial love,
And learn that, though enamour'd of her charms
Her doating Lord had ta'en her to his arms

Again, reftor'd her to his bed and throne,

And to the world acknowledg'd her his own—

Yet not his pardon, nor his throne combin'd

Cou'd eafe the pangs that agoniz'd her mind.

EPITAPHIUM

### EPITAPHIUM.

SISTE viator!

Hic fepulta jacent offa

JOSEPHI INCHEALD, HISTRIONIS:

Qui æqualium fuorum

In Fictis Scænarum facile Princeps evafit,

Virtutisque in Veris Vitæ claruit exemplar.

Procul este, invida Superstitio,

Et mala fuadens religionis turbidus Amor!-

Vestris enim ingratiis, hic lapis omnibus prædicabit,

Quòd in his humi facræ carceribus

Vir recti semper tenax,

Sociis charus, in pauperes benignus,

Pater optimus, Maritus fidelis,

Societatis

Societatis jurum in cunctis observantissimus

Otii gaudium, necnon seriorum ornamentum,

Expectans

De clementia Numinis immortalis

Æternâ frui felicitate

Requiescit.

JOSEPHUS INCHBALD

Annum agens quadragesimum quartum

Octavo iduum Junii

Mortem obiit

Anno MDCCLXXIX.

O D E

TO THE

## MEMORY

OF

#### MR. INCHBALD.

WHAT time the weak-ey'd Owl, on twilight wing Slow borne, her vesper scream'd to Eve, and rouz'd

The lazy wing of Bat

With Beetle's fullen hum,

Friendship, and she, the maid of pensive mien,

Pale Melancholy point my forrowing steps

To meditate the dead

And give my Friend a tear.

Here

Here let me pause—and pay that tear I owe:

Silent it trickles down my cheek, and drops

Upon the recent fod

o poir the recent rou

That lightly clasps his heart.

But ah! how vain—Nor flatt'ry's pow'r, nor wealth's, Nor friendship's tear, nor widow'd Anna's voice,

Sweet as the harps of Heav'n,

Can move the tyrant Death.

Hence ye impure!—for hark—around his grave
The Sisters chaste, the Sisters whom he lov'd,

In nine-fold cadence

Chaunt immortal harmony.

'Tis done—'tis done—The well-earn'd laurel spreads

Its verdant foliage o'er his honour'd clay:

Again the Muscs sing—
Thalia's was the deed.

E 2

Thou

Thou honest man, farewel!—I wou'd not stain

Thy worth with praise—yet not the bright-hair'd King'

Who wooes the rofy morn,

And west'ring skirts the sky

With ruddy gold and purple, e'er shall see

Thy likeness—nor you paly Crescent call

Her weeping dews to kiss

A turf more lov'd than thine.

THE

## THE CIRCASSIAN.

To Miss ----

FOVE lately took it in his head To give the Gods a masquerade, And fent his footman Hermes out With cards to ask them to the rout. Iris, a milliner of tafte, Hand-bills fent forth thro' Heav'n in hafte, To tell the Goddesses she'd laid in Fresh goods against the masquerading. The Ladies all were in a pother, And hoping each to outvie t'other Bade her make up their filks and laces-Venus employ'd the Sister Graces:

Who all agreed Love's Queen flou'd drefs As a CIRCASSIAN Shepherdefs-The Graces always fancy well-Quick to their work the Siflers fell, Finish'd it in a day or two, Try'd it on Venus, and withdrew ..... Who beg'd them first with earnest pray'r To come next day and drefs her hair: Then in her kirtle tripp'd about, And foon with this or that fell out; Till, vex'd to death, young Cupid cries "You Ladies are fuch oddities!-"I'm fure, Mama, you quite mistake it, "It fits as neat as hands can make it, "There's not a fingle thread amifs"-She finil'd-and gave the Boy a kifs;

When bolder grown, by Styx he fwore "She ne'er look'd half fo well before."\_ To bed she went-thought all was right-But cou'dn't fleep a wink that night. Next ev'ning came the Graces three, And Venus had 'em in to tea. (In great-ones nothing shews so well As 'haviour kind and affable.) Well-after pitying the Moon For tripping with Endymion; And calling royal Juno scold, And twenty harmless tales o'ertold-Says Venus, looking at her watch, "Ladies, egad we must dispatch, "For fee-it's almost nine o'clock-" Euphrosyne, come smooth this lock-

- " Pasithea reach my dressing-gown,
- "Thalia take my toupée down,
- " And let its ringlets kiss my head
- "Loofe, as when on wat'ry bed
- "In fimiles I woke to life divine-
- " And here and there a rose entwine
- "Adown that braid"-Says Mifs, "I doubt it
- "Won't look fo well as 'twould without it,
- "These threads of gold"-" I will have one,
- " Miss Grace, you know it's quite the Ton."

(So it is possible we see

That Ton and Grace may disagree.)

Her locks ethereal now were dreft .....

- "Come, bring me my Circassian vest."
- "Where is it, Ma'am?-"I'th' middle drawer"-

Pasithea went-her Sisters saw her

Turn

Turn pale-fhe cries, "we're all undone"-

"How fo?"-"Lord, Ma'am, the dress is gone."-

The Graces fobbings can't be painted .....

Poor Venus only figh'd-and fainted.

"Here, reach the Hartshorn Drops," says one-

"Fresh water," t'other-t'other "run

" For Esculapius"-" Greater need

" Of Doctor Phabus" \_" He don't bleed,

"Alas!" cries one-" and in this case

"She shou'd be bled"-"Ay"-"Cut her lace."-

Nothing was done of all they faid,

For each commanded, none obey'd .--

Here Cupid with his play-mate came,

Soft Ganymede, to see the Dame.

For Venus, knowing not a chair

That night in Heav'n wou'd be to spare,

F

Nor

Nor coach for love or coin be had, Very politely told the Lad That he should be her 'Squire, and ride That night with Cupid at her fide In her own chariot, drawn by Doves, And lackied by a thousand Loves-Ent'ring her room, the Fair they found Rifing recover'd from the ground. Arch Cupid, looking earnest at her, Climb'd on her knee, and "what's the matter, " Mama?" fays he-" My pretty Boy, "My dress, my pride, my only joy "Is gone, is gone."-" Mama, what drefs?"-"Why, my new PERSIAN Shepherdess! ..... "The best CIRCASSIAN prankt with pink "Was it ?- "Ay, ay"-The Graces winkGan shook his head, and Venus sigh'd-s

And roguish Cupid laughing cry'd,

- "That habit, Ma'am, I gave away
- "To lively Sappho"-"When !-"To-day-
- "The truth bearing Graces there
- " (The Graces nurs'd my blooming Fair)
- "But yester ev'ning said they knew
- "She wou'd look lovelier in't than you.

Venus and Cupid 'gan to scold,

While Gany flew to Heav'n and told

The Gods the tale-" And fee," he faid,

Pointing to earth, "fee there's the Maid,

- "The fweet CIRCASSIAN, my fworn Brother
- "Thinks fo much lovelier than his Mother."-
- "Is that the Maid?" fays Jove-"I find
- "Our coufin Cupid isn't blind .....

" For the the Rogue forgot his duty,
"Yet he's a perfect judge of Beauty."

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